

Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
Re: Adlai Ewing Stevenson

In a speech at Detroit, Michigan, on 10/7/52, he said he believed "the FBI has been doing a superb job." (u)

In the past, Stevenson has been critical and complimentary concerning the Bureau. In December, 1960, he was placed on the "not to contact" list because of his contemptuous and uncooperative attitude when the New York Office attempted to interview him in the Special Inquiry investigation of [redacted] (u^{b6}_{b7C})

One of Stevenson's law partners, W. Willard Wirtz, in 1940, solicited legal aid for a group arrested for soliciting signatures to put the CP on the ballot, and in 1941 protested legislation to bar communist or fascist groups from the ballot. His brother, Robert Wirtz, is a former CP organizer in Illinois. Wirtz reportedly now is not sympathetic to communism and does not talk to his brother. (x)(u)

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In ~~1941~~ during the investigation of Alger Hiss, we were trying to identify a typewriter used in typing some of the unquestioned documents in that case. Stevenson furnished a typewritten letter he had received from Hiss in 1946 for comparison by the Laboratory. The letter dealt with arrangements that were being made for Hiss to speak at the Northwestern University Law School (u⁷⁴⁻¹³³³⁻¹³⁸⁵)

✓ In October, 1942, William Lockwood, IPR, New York City, when apparently referring to individuals to invite to an IPR conference in Canada, stated "another possibility we might consider is someone from Knox's office or Stimson's. Coe and Hiss mentioned Adlai Stevens, one of Knox's special assistants." (100-64700-1215 p 4975) (u)

On 8/25/52, Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) advised on a highly confidential basis that its file on Murray Winocur, a reported dangerous communist radio operator, contained a memorandum dated 6/1/42 presumably signed by Stevenson. The memorandum dealt with the appeal by Winocur from a Naval Board's finding him guilty of insubordination and un-American activities. The memorandum disclosed it was the opinion of the person who prepared it that Winocur should be reinstated. ONI did not know whether Stevenson had actually reviewed ONI's file on Winocur. (94-40154-11)

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